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- 1. SUMMARY: DURING RECENT GENERAL BORDER COMMITTEE (GBC) SESSION, THAI DELEGATION AVOIDED RAISING ISSUE OF MALAYSIAN POLICE ELEMENTS STATIONED IN THAI TERRITORY, BUT MATTER WILL PROBABLY BE REVIEWED BY RTG WHEN NEW GOVT IS CONSTITUTED AFTER JAN 26 ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.
- 2. THAI EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY (CHAWAT) TOLD EMBOFF JAN 15 THAT RTG DELEGATION TO GBC SESSION JAN 6 7 DID CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT RAISE ISSUE OF MALAYSIAN POLICE FIELD FORCE AND SPECIAL

BRANCH ELEMENTS STATIONED IN SOUTHERN THAI PROVINCES. ALTHOUGH THAI ARMY SOUTHERN REGION COMMANDER GEN. SAN CHITPATIMA EXPRESSED HIS "PERSONAL VIEWS" (CHAWAT'S WORDS) TO THAI PRESS PRIOR TO GBC MEETING (REF A), THAI GOVT POSITION WAS THAT MATTER SHOULD NOT BE RAISED WITH MALAYSIANS UNTIL THERE "THOROUGH REVIEW" OF THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER COOPERATION BY NEW GOVT THAT WILL TAKE OFFICE AFTER JAN 26 ELECTIONS. MALAYSIANS, BY SAME TOKEN, DID NOT BROACH ISSUE WITH THAIS, ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY PRIMED NEWSMEN IN ADVANCE IN EFFORT TO DRAW GEN. KRIANGSAK OUT ON POINT. CHAWAT SAID THAT GEN. KRIANGSAK IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLOSE OF GBC SESSION REFUSED TO TAKE QUESTIONS GOING BEYOND HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON COMMUNIST INSURGENCY IN BORDER AREA REPORTED REF A. THUS, GEN. KRIANGSAK'S COMMENT TO PRESS IN BANGKOK JAN 8 THAT ISSUE NOT DEALT WITH AT GBC MEETING (REF B) WAS CORRECT.

3. CHAWAT CONTINUED THAT, AFTER GENERAL ELECTIONS AND NEW GOVT TAKES OFFICE, A NEW TOP-LEVEL COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE CREATED TO DEAL WITH ALL THAI BORDER RELATIONS, INCLUDING THAI-MALAYSIAN AND THAI-LAO PROBLEMS. THIS COMMITTEE, HE SAID, WOULD REVIEW QUESTION OF MALAYSIAN POLICE STATIONED IN THAILAND, WITH POSSIBILITY THAT IT MIGHT BE RAISED AT A FUTURE GBC SESSION. SPECULATING ON LIKELY OUTCOME OF SUCH REVIEW, CHAWAT SAID THAT PRESENT ARRANGEMENT REGARDING STATIONING OF MALAYSINS IN THAI SOUTHERN PROVINCES MIGHT BE ALTERED OR RESCINDED IF NEW GOVT IS APPRECIABLY MORE NATIONALISTIC THAN EITHER THE THANOM OR SANYA GOVTS. UNDERHILL

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